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Ricardo Alexander Gomez) Confirmation No.: 9828
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NOTICE OF APPEAL

SIR:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 41.31, Applicant appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Examiner's Final Action of October 26, 2006 which rejects claims 1-15 and 42 of the above-identified patent application.

A check in the amount of \$250.00 is enclosed to cover the required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 41.20(b)(1) for filing a Notice of Appeal for a small entity.

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No additional fees or deficiencies in fees are believed to be owed. However, authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 13-0235 in the event any such fees are owed.

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